

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nobutaka NAKASHIMA, *et al.*
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEIN IN
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO THE GENUS RHODOCOCCLUS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the first month is \$120.00. A credit card payment form for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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